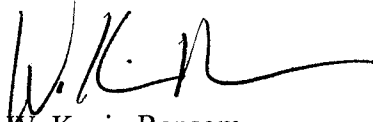


**REMARKS**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated May 11, 2006. The Office Action noted an issue with the specification in that it did not provide a brief description of Figure 8. Applicant has hereby amended the specification to include such a description. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the drawings and specification are now in proper form.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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